

STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH
GOOSEY & HATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER



January 2015

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

* with the exception of the Morning Worship on the 3rd Sunday in the month, all 1015am services start with a time of informal worship from 955-1010am.

Sunday 4th January Epiphany

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Tuesday 6th January

3.00 pm Time for God (Stanford)

Sunday 11th January Baptism of Christ

8.30 am Holy Communion (Hatford)
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Wednesday 14th January

10.30 am Holy Communion

Thursday 15th January

3.00 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

Sunday 18th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
10.15 am Morning Worship (Stanford)

Sunday 25th January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

10.15 am Parish Communion with Baptism
(Stanford)

Sunday 1st February

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

From the Registers

Funeral Service

Tuesday 2nd December

William Henry Jones - 'Harry'

High Street

Aged 77 years

Open House On most Saturdays St Denys Church is open between 10 am and noon for coffee and tea, cake and chat. Do pop in. You'll find a warm and friendly welcome.

Baptisms, Thanksgivings and Weddings - please contact the Vicar on 710267.

St. Denys Kids each Sunday during term time, except when All Age Service, where during the main Parish Communion Service the children go to the Village Hall.

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

Vicar	The Revd Paul Eddy	710267
Wardens		
	Margaret Williams	710254
	Peter Gill	718224
Verger	Mrs Susan Mayall	

The Vicar writes Dear All

I hope that you had a good Christmas, whether spending time with family and loved ones, or on your own. It was lovely to see the church full for the various school performances, and of course, for the many services over the Christmas period.

For some, taking the Christmas decorations down, whether on the 12th day or before, is a bit depressing. The weather is often grey, we are in the middle of a cold and wet winter and things outside and inside the house can seem bare. It's like everything has been stripped back to basics.

Gardeners, of course, are used to the seasons and know exactly what is happening in each. They appreciate that we need the different seasons for everything to grow and mature but in life, it's hard to cope with the barren, dull times we too can experience.

For those who happily live lives which are always 'half full', winter is simply a time of waiting - and just around the corner is spring. But for others, maybe the house-bound, the lonely, the bereaved, those who are young mums looking after a child on their own with little help, winter can be an isolating time.

So this winter, let's look out for each other and maybe call in on neighbours, particularly the elderly, the isolated and those on their own. And do remember, St Denys is open every Saturday morning for free coffee and cake from 10am-12noon where you will always receive a warm welcome and meet other people - so do come along. A warm welcome will also be found any Sunday at 1015am at our main Sunday service at St Denys.

A very Happy New Year to you all.

Yours Paul Revd Paul Eddy Vicar

Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Update

As many of you will be aware, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committees, (NPSC) most recent consultation covered a three week period in November when exhibition presentations culminated in a meeting in the village hall attended by about 100 parishioners. The purpose was to discuss and vote on one of three schemes for a proposed strategic housing development site west of the A417 in Stanford in the Vale, but only if such a Strategic Site was imposed on the Parish and then only if certain requirements were delivered in advance of any development.

A submission has been made to the Vale of White Horse District Council, (VoWHDC), highlighting a site preference for the reduced allocation of 200 dwellings, (down from the original VoWHDC plan of 290) if imposed but also objecting to any development as the NPSC considered this location as **unsound** and giving reasons. Areas highlighted

- **Infrastructure** – the inadequacy of the existing mains sewer to the treatment works and low mains water pressure likely to worsen under the proposal.
- **Environmental** – part of the Site is liable to flooding which is likely to worsen.
- Shellingford Quarry is in close proximity and, in dry weather, sand and dust can be blown across the site reducing air quality.
- **Landscape impact** – the Inspector in the Appeal Decision for the DWH 73 homes on the site between Ware Road and the Horse & Jockey stated that this should not set a specific precedent for other development on the western side of the road.
- **Highways** – The Local Plan is not specific on access to the Site other than it will be from the A417.
- **Education** – the village primary school is close to capacity.
- **Transport** – The inadequacies of local transport services was included in NPSC's submission.
- **Medical services** – The NPSC expressed concern as to the lack of local medical services to cope with such an increase in housing.

In the event that SITV is forced to accept a Strategic Site of 200 homes to the West of the A417, the NPSC has submitted the request that the following requirements are delivered in advance of any development commencing.

1. Relocation of Seven Acres Nursery
2. A new Mains Sewer between Cottage Road and the Treatment Works.
3. Improvements to the Treatment Works to accommodate increased demand.
4. Improvements to Water Pressure for the entire village.
5. Provision of Sustainable Drainage Ponds and Green Buffer Zone between the Strategic Site and White Horse Business Park.
6. Increased capacity to Primary School to accommodate new places for the new homes.
7. Improvements to the Junction at A417 and Cottage Road and more traffic calming measures on A417.
8. Crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists across the A417.
9. Provision of superfast broadband.

The NPSC believes that the fulfilment of the above conditions could address the issues raised without which the current proposal for a Strategic Site is unsound.

To view the NPSC's full submission to VoWHDC please visit the website, www.sitvnp.com

Harry Jones

Anne and family wish to thank all their many friends and family who helped and supported them through this sad time.

A total of £760 was given in memory of Harry and this will go to Alzheimer's Research and the October Club in Wantage.

A BIG THANK YOU from

STANFORD IN THE VALE FOOTBALL CLUB

To everyone who attended our Christmas Bingo. It was an extremely successful event that would not be possible without the generous prize donations and help provided on the night.

Thanks to you all and a Happy New Year

The next Parish Council Meeting Is on Wednesday 7th January 2015 7.30pm in the Small Village Hall

All Villagers welcome

U3A

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Faringdon & District U3A

Thursday 8th January at 2.30 CORN EXCHANGE, FARINGDON

A Talk by Bill King on 'The River at War'. Why the Thames was such an important strategic feature in World War 2. It's role in the defence of the country and a description of the way the industry along the river was adapted in it's hour of need.

Further information from Sylvia Bowley
(Chairman) 01367 241296
faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com

Monday 11th January 2015

Stanford Art Group are meeting in the Village Small Hall at 7.15pm

Mixed Media workshop led by Bill Grant.
Come and have a fun evening, refreshments provided.
All very welcome.

Visitors £4. For more info 01367 710754

**STANFORD IN THE VALE AND DISTRICT
LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

Tuesday, **13th January**, at Stanford
Village Hall, Small Hall
Start time **7:45 p.m.**

Title: THE VICTORIA COUNTY HISTORY,
- its origin and progress in Oxfordshire, with
special reference to the current work
in the Benson area

Speaker: SIMON TOWNLEY
from the Victoria County History
Visitors welcome (£2 entrance)
Refreshments and raffle
Further information: Contact Phil
Morris, 01367 710285

Saturday 17th January

Fairtrade Stall

10am – Noon St Denys Church

We have a wide range of goods available; from
chocolate treats, to tea and sugar, dried fruit, rice and
olive oil - all fairly traded. If we don't have what you're
looking for, we can order other Traidcraft products,
and can also take regular orders; contact Zoë
Williams zoe.kay.williams@gmail.com tel: 710705

**STANFORD IN THE VALE
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

will meet in the Village Hall at
7.30p.m on the **21st January 2015**
where Jenni Matthews invites you to
Sing-Along Showstoppers
Visitors are always welcome
£3 charge to non-members

IN NEED OF FUEL?

**TOP UP SPIRITUALLY AT THE
STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE
FILLING STATION!**

What is a Filling Station?

A new informal way of
expressing the Christian
faith. Using local mid-week
monthly celebrations in
unusual venues to support
and strengthen our local
Churches.



Where and When:

The Vine, Mill Farm,
Faringdon Road,
Stanford in the Vale,
Oxon SN7 8NP.

**13 January 2015
7.30pm to 9.00pm**

Doors open from 7.00pm
for coffee and cake.

For more information visit the website or contact me directly:

www.thefillingstation.org.uk or Chris Weatherall on 07775 564131 or 01367 710208

Stanford-in-the-Vale Gardening Club

The next meeting

will be on **Wednesday 28th January 2015**

in the large hall of the Village Hall at 7.30pm

The speaker will be Tom Price, the Curator of Oxford

Botanical Garden who will speak on

'The history and work of the university's Botanical
Garden and Arboretum

Competition will be a 'Winter House Plant'

Refreshments and a Raffle

Visitors £3.00

Further information from Rosemary Packer tel. 01367
710445

SOUTHMOOR CHILDREN'S CENTRE

MONDAY

Sensory Play – 10.00-11.30am and

Sensory Play (Parent Led) – 2.00pm – 3.30pm –both at
Southmoor Children's Centre

Stay & Learn – 1.00-2.30pm at Stanford Village Hall

WEDNESDAY

Stay & Learn – 10.00-11.30am at Southmoor Children's
Centre

THURSDAY

Parent Led Drop In – 9.15-11.30am at Southmoor
Children's Centre

For further details please contact Sandra Stevens on
01865 820751,

emails sandra.stevens@actionforchildren.org.uk or call in
at Southmoor Children's Centre, Laurel Drive,
Southmoor, OX13 5DJ

Advance Notices

STANFORD DRAMA GROUP

Proudly present

ALADDIN

by James Barry

A traditional British Panto with jokes, slapstick and magic.
Aladdin falls in love with Princess Jasmine but needs to find
a fortune to convince her father of the match. He strikes
lucky with the aid of a magic lamp and a genie, but also has
to contend with the evil Abanazer, his brother Wishee-
Washee, who needs lessons on how to get a girlfriend, and
the unpredictable policeman, Flung Dung, who has a team of
invisible Ninjas!

Stanford Village Hall

**Thurs 5th Feb – Sat 7th Feb at 7.30pm with a
Saturday matinee at 2.30pm.**

TICKETS: £6 / £4 concessions available from
Stanford Post Office or by phone on 710400

Doors open at 7.00pm so come along early for
a pre-performance drink.

St. Denys Church, Stanford in the Vale
Saturday 7th February 2015 at 7.30 pm

MUSIC IN THE VALE PRESENTS

"Jazz in the Vale"

Alice Zawadzki – vocals, violin

Alex Roth – guitar, Peter Lee – piano/synthesiser,

Tom McCredie – bass, Jon Scott – drums

Music from the debut album "China Lane"

– a compelling collection of modern fairytale songs
reflecting both jazz and classical backgrounds

Admission by programme £12.00

from Vogue Hairdressing, 28 High Street,

Stanford in the Vale, 01367 710476

by reservation on 01367 718420

email DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com,

or at the door

January 2015 - Stanford Pre-school News

The children have been really enjoying talking about their pets during Pet week. We used a tally chart to see which pet was the most popular and drew pictures of them.

We had a visit from two dogs called Poppy and Elsa, a cat called Socks and a Tortoise called Bob. The children loved hearing about how you look after them, what they like to eat and where they sleep.

They have been learning some Christmas songs ready to sing to their Parents after our Christmas walk round the village to look at the lights. They will also be visiting the church to have a Christmas story and look around.

The Pre-school committee and staff would like to thank everyone who attended the Christmas Craft Fair. A grand total of £659.06 was raised for the Pre-school which is fantastic!



We are the School Council of Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School. Please read our school report below.

Christmas Art Day

On 2nd December, the whole school took part in our Christmas Art Day. We were thinking about Christmas around the world. We made Poinsettias, pictures of children around the world, decorated gingerbread men, made Christmas tree decorations and lots, lots more! All the children had a great time.

Dance Club at The New Theatre

Dance Club took part in a Dance Festival at the New Theatre in Oxford. We had a practise on stage before going in to Oxford for some lunch. We then performed to a huge audience and watched other performances too.

Stable Manners

The week beginning 8th December, Years 3, 4 and 5 performed their play, *Stable Manners*, at St Denys' Church. The play was full of brilliant singing, laughter and Christmas cheer! The children did a fantastic job and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Well done!

Baubles

On Tuesday 16th December, it was Key Stage One's turn to perform their Christmas play; *Baubles*. The children did a super job at singing and smiling! They all worked hard to learn their lines and spoke really clearly. It was a superb performance and the audience loved it! Well done!

Panto

Before we finish school at the end of term, we will be off to the Panto! We are looking forward to the performance of *Dick Wittington*. We can't wait to cheer and clap along to the songs.

Diary Dates

Please join us for our **Open Morning on Wednesday 21st January 2015**. It will run from 9.30am to 11am.

Thank you for reading our report and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

To include items in February's newsletter please send to jmwarren32@btinternet.com or telephone 01367 710789 and leave a message.

Closing date: **Monday 18th January 2015**